

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> ( Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)	Application Number		10715221
	Filing Date		2003-11-17
	First Named Inventor	Langberg et al.	
	Art Unit	3738	
	Examiner Name	Stewart, Jason-Dennis Neiken	
	Attorney Docket Number	PVI-5813CP1CN1	

U.S. PATENTS						
Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code <sup>1</sup>	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	5006106		1991-04-09	Angelchik	
	2	5163955		1992-11-17	Love et al.	
	3	5476471		1995-12-19	Shifrin et al.	
	4	5919233		1999-07-06	Knopf et al.	
	5	6183411		2001-02-06	Mortier et al.	
	6	6210432		2001-04-03	Solem et al.	
	7	6221103		2001-04-24	Melvin	
	8	6264602		2001-07-24	Mortier et al.	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number	10715221
Filing Date	2003-11-17
First Named Inventor	Langberg et al.
Art Unit	3738
Examiner Name	Stewart, Jason-Dennis Neilken
Attorney Docket Number	PVI-5813CP1CN1

9	6402781		2002-06-11	Langberg et al.	
10	6824562		2004-11-30	Matthis et al.	

If you wish to add additional U.S. Patent citation information please click the Add button.

**U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS**

Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Publication Number	Kind Code <sup>1</sup>	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	20020087173		2002-07-04	Alfemess et al.	

If you wish to add additional U.S. Published Application citation information please click the Add button.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number <sup>3</sup>	Country Code <sup>2</sup>	Kind Code <sup>4</sup>	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>5</sup>
	1	19605042	DE		1998-01-15	Gleich Anmelder		<input type="checkbox"/>
	2	0727239	EP		1996-08-21	Ockuly et al.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	3	9944534	WO		1999-09-10	Melvin		<input type="checkbox"/>
	4	0018320	WO		2000-04-06	Melvin		<input type="checkbox"/>

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number	10715221
Filing Date	2003-11-17
First Named Inventor	Langberg et al.
Art Unit	3738
Examiner Name	Stewart, Jason-Dennis Neilken
Attorney Docket Number	PVI-5813CP1CN1

5	0100111	WO	2001-01-04	Solem et al.	<input type="checkbox"/>
---	---------	----	------------	--------------	--------------------------

If you wish to add additional Foreign Patent Document citation information please click the Add button

**NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc), date, pages(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>5</sup>
	1	Buchanan et al., Circumferential Suture of the Mitral Annulus for Correction of Mitral Regurgitation in Dogs, Veterinary Surgery, 27:182-183, 1998.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you wish to add additional non-patent literature document citation information please click the Add button

**EXAMINER SIGNATURE**

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.USPTO.GOV](http://www.USPTO.GOV) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>2</sup> Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>3</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>4</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>5</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.